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3 there shall be established a foundry for manufacturing ord-
4 nance, projectiles, and their appendages, for the land and sea
5 service of the United States.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the President*
2 of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to ap-
3 point a board of commissioners, to consist of officers of the
4 navy, of the corps of engineers, and of the ordnance de-
5 partment, whose duty it shall be to prepare a general plan of
6 said foundry, upon a suitable scale, and in a form adapted
7 for such future extension as the demands of the public ser-
8 vice may at any time require ; and, also, to select and pur-
9 chase a suitable site for the same, to consist of not less than
10 sixty acres of land, connected and undivided, with water
11 power sufficient to drive all the necessary machinery, and

12 suitable space sufficient for all the necessary buildings, de-
13 pots, and proving ground.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said foun-
2 dry shall be placed under the direction of the ordnance de-
3 partment of the army, and that one master founder shall be
4 appointed by the President of the United States, with a
5 moderate compensation.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President
2 of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to es-
3 tablish regulations, prescribing the manner in which said
4 foundry shall be employed in manufacturing ordnance for
5 the land and for the sea service, respectively.

1 SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That a report of the
2 operations at said foundry, including an account of the ex-
3 penditures made, and of the articles manufactured therein,
4 shall be annually laid before Congress.

1 SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one
2 hundred thousand dollars, or so much of said sum as may be
3 found necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 purchasing said site, and for commencing the erection of situa-
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